

MADDEN VETOES BOND ISSUE FOR WASHINGTON

PLAN FOR FUND OF \$20,000,000 FLATLY BANNED

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OLD DEBT NOT YET PAID

Commissioner Oyster Says Committee "Crosses Bridge Before They Approach It"

Washington's proposed bond issue for \$20,000,000, fostered by the District Commissioners, was knocked into the category of cocked hats yesterday when Representative Madden, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, declared that Congress would never allow another bond issue for the city.

"NO," SAYS MADDEN.

"You can say this, that we will not allow a bond issue of any kind for any purpose," Chairman Madden said.

The proposal to issue \$20,000,000 in city bonds was broached Thursday when Commissioner James F. Oyster declared this amount was needed to catch up with municipal work neglected during the war.

Commissioner Cuoio Rudolph, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, also indorses the plan.

Approximately \$20,000,000 above current appropriations will be needed during the next five years to catch up in street and school construction, the Commissioners estimate. They had planned to float the bonds only as the money was needed, in order to save interest.

CALLS IT FOOLISHNESS.

Commenting on the proposal, Chairman Madden said: "We are just paying off the last bond issue, which was made when the Capital had self-government. It has been a mess and we don't propose to allow another one to follow."

"The District of Columbia is being amply supplied with money through annual appropriations. The move to float bonds is a little bit of foolishness which we don't want. It is mighty easy to be foolish, particularly with money."

Madden declared that every member of the House Appropriations Committee would oppose the issuance of bonds for any expenditures in the District.

CROSSES BRIDGE TOO SOON.

When informed of the committee's attitude last night, Commissioner Oyster said the Congressmen were "crossing a bridge before they got to it."

"We have not sent them our proposals yet," he said. "They have not heard of what purposes the money is intended."

Commissioner Rudolph said that while he was not opposed to issuing bonds, he would not press the matter.

While approving of the bond suggestion, it is his opinion that it should be extended over a period of five years at the rate of \$4,000,000 each year.

Engineer Commissioner Charles Keller has not divulged his views on the question.

Judge Sellers Urges Probe of Home Life

Before a man is indicted for failure to support his wife and children, his home life should be investigated by social workers, Judge Kathryn Sellers, of the District Court, said in a report submitted to the Department of Justice yesterday.

Judge Sellers also advocates enlargement of the scope of the court, enabling it to have concurrent jurisdiction with the District Supreme Court in cases relating to adoption, divorce, maintenance and other domestic problems.

She also suggests that there should be a court of domestic relations where cases would be tried without expense to the litigants.

Inspection of Streets And Schools Deferred

Inspection of streets and public schools by a subcommittee of the House District Appropriations Committee will not take place until after Christmas, Chairman Louis C. Cranton declared yesterday.

Representatives Evans, of Nebraska, and Johnson, of Kentucky, met with the chairman yesterday to discuss several items of importance developed during the hearings. The meeting was informal and short, as Evans was scheduled to leave for Norfolk to join the Congressional party going to Panama.

HOOVER PLAYGROUND, corner of Second street and Delaware avenue southwest, was visited by Santa Claus yesterday afternoon and more than 400 children were remembered with gifts because they have been orderly on the playground and helpful and obedient at home. Miss Margaret Harris is director.



This Santa Claus Gets Dollar a Day From Benefactor

Between Seasons He Makes Toys for Kiddies in Idle Moments at Central Mission.

"Santa Claus is always good to me," whispered Santa Claus, yesterday.

It was a low, but genial voice as he climbed from the chimney of Woodward and Lothrop's. It was their own Carl Braatz, who, for a score of years, in this role, has been entertaining Washington children.

Carl told the children his Santa Claus was George Bancroft, who, he said, accompanied him on his voyage to this country from Berlin, in 1874. Some years later Bancroft, a successful business man died. In the will Braatz was provided \$1 a day as long as he lived.

Between "Cris-mus" and "Cris-mus," the old saying goes, Santa is busy making toys for the kiddies—but this does not apply to Carl, who is seventy-six years old and lives at the Central Union Mission, 622 Louisiana avenue northwest. He passes his time in leisure occupations about the mission, always ready to lend a helping hand and comfort the needy.

Kellogg Demands Action On Bank Taxation Bill

Demand was made yesterday by Senator Kellogg, Minnesota, for action on the bill drafted by Senator Wadsworth, of New York, and himself to revise the statutes relating to taxation of national banks.

The bill has been pending since April before the Banking and Currency Committee, and Kellogg served notice that if the committee does not act soon, he will ask to have the bill taken away from it and reported to the Senate.

The bill is designed to correct a situation arising out of a recent Supreme Court decision under which some national banks are now recovering all the money paid as taxes to the States.

Thieves Get Pencils, Pens and Typewriter

Frustrated in their attempt to rifle a safe in a store at 664 Pennsylvania avenue southeast, when the knob on the dial snapped off, robbers turned their attention to the stock on display and made a rich haul Thursday night.

Twenty-six gold pencils, valued at \$125, a portable typewriter valued at \$60, ten fountain pens worth \$30, and \$3 from the cash register were stolen. William J. Brewer, owner of the store, reported to police that entry was effected by breaking the glass in the rear door.

What's Doing Today and Tomorrow

TODAY.

Pageant—Central High School, under auspices of the Interdenominational committee, afternoon and evening.

Entertainment—Community gathering, Lovejoy School, Twelfth and D streets northeast.

Christmas Party—Johnson-Powell School, Lamont and Hiatt streets northwest, for high school and junior high students.

Entertainment—For ex-service men at Y. M. C. A. Service Club, 1004 E street northwest, 5:30 p. m.

SUIT FOR \$100,000 FOR KISSING BEGINS

Mrs. Alma C. Smythe, With Fox Terrier, Pleads Own Case.

With her pet fox terrier sitting beside her chair, Mrs. Alma C. Smythe, of Alexandria, Va., yesterday appeared before Justice Hitz, in Circuit Court No. 1 in support of her suit for \$100,000 damages against Leighton Taylor, former private secretary to the late Boies Penrose, United States Senator from Pennsylvania. It was the first time in the history of the court that a dog had been permitted at the bar facing the bench.

Mrs. Smythe charges that Taylor kissed her when she went to the Senator's office to obtain an interview with Penrose May 1, 1921. She held the attention of lawyers assembled in court while she pleaded with Justice Hitz to overrule the motion for the dismissal of her suit.

Attorney J. T. Taylor pleaded the statute of limitations, claiming that as the suit was not filed until October 3, 1922, more than a year after the alleged attempt to kiss her, it could not be entertained by the court.

Mrs. Smythe refused to have a lawyer, declaring that he might be "bought off." She told of employing Oscar Thomas, a lawyer of Alexandria, to bring the original suit, filed last year, but she declared she found everything irregular about the suit and had it dismissed, and filed a new suit herself.

Operatives of the Department of Justice had hounded her, she told the court, and she was not allowed to leave Alexandria until she had obtained protection from Commissioner Oyster, who promised that the local police would protect her.

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BAND CONCERT

U. S. SOLDIER'S HOME BAND ORCHESTRA.
Stanley Hall, this evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock. John S. M. Zimmermann, director.
The public is invited to attend.
1. March, "Perishing a Crusader."
2. Overture, "Le Pre aux Clercs."
3. Characteristic, "A Chinese Festival."
4. Gems from Grand Opera, "I Lombardi."
5. Fox trot, "Away Down East in Maine."
6. Waltz suite, "Je T'Aime."
7. Finale, "Dangerous Blue."
"The Star Spangled Banner."

C. H. S. PAPER PRINTS GRID SCANDAL EXTRA

Bulletin Discusses Plumpton Football Case in Its First Special Edition.

Central High School Bulletin Thursday issued its first "extra," devoting three pages to the Vincent William Plumpton football case.

"School Authorities Vindicated by Principals' Decision," reads a headline occupying nearly a third of a page. Beneath this another headline is printed, "Plumpton is Held Technically Ineligible."

The Bulletin contains statements by Miss Helen M. Coolidge, assistant principal of Central; George Jones, secretary of the High School Admission Board; Lieut. Comdr. M. A. Mitscher, U. S. N.; Charles C. Alvord, secretary to Senator A. B. Culbertson, of Texas; Latrobe Cogswell, president of the South Atlantic Association of A. A. U.; and complete answers to the allegations made by Duncan S. Bradley. The principals' findings also were published.

The Bulletin states that "the information contained in this issue of the Bulletin is published for the purpose of giving members of the faculty and the student body the essential facts and issues recently before the Board of Principals, and which have been made the subject of newspaper comment and discussion for a number of days."

"There is no thought in this publication of questioning in any way the decision of the principals," the article continues "but rather of making clear the issues which the Board of Principals weighed and the exact nature of their findings upon the issues presented to them."

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PRESIDENT'S PUDDING

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On sale by all our dealers December 24th and 25th



CHAPIN-SACKS CORPORATION

Prohibition Chief Issues Xmas Message

"Be of good cheer; the gilded barroom is gone forever," is the Christmas message of Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes "to the friends of the eighteenth amendment." He says:

Do not be deceived, nor be dismayed by a nationwide program of misrepresentation, constituting as it does the most pernicious, most pernicious, propaganda to undermine enforcement since the enactment of the amendment.

There is no longer any controversy as to the open saloon. The gilded barroom is gone, and with it treating and other generally acknowledged evils. Even the opponents of the eighteenth amendment frankly proclaim that they are against the open saloon.

The fact that in less than three years enforcement has succeeded in forever abolishing the open saloon and other public drinking places is sufficient reason to be of good cheer. But there are many other reasons.

\$30,000,000 Art Building Proposed for Capital

Proposal of the American Arts and Industries Association to erect a \$30,000,000 building in Washington will be considered by a Congressional commission, according to a joint resolution passed by the Senate yesterday. The resolution which was presented by Senator Fernald now goes to the House for action.

Senator Fernald explained that the money for the building would be furnished by the association, which, he declared, has a large number of millionaires among its members. He said, however, that he thought the government should provide a site for the building.

The purpose of the Association, Senator Fernald explained, is purely philanthropic.

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